

Summer Ranger Programs

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Strive for gold at Wildlife Olympics

Test your skills and compare your abilities to animals in Yellowstone. How far can you jump? How well can you see and smell? Take part in the Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between noon and 3 PM. Stay for as little or as long as your plans allow.



Mammoth Hot Springs (Mondays from 12–3 PM)

Across from the Albright Visitor Center

June 3, 10, 17, 24 • July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • August 5

Old Faithful (Wednesdays from 12–3 PM)

Near Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

June 5, 12, 19, 26 • July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • August 7

Canyon Village (Fridays from 12–3 PM)

Near Canyon Visitor Education Center

June 7, 14, 21, 28 • July 5, 12, 19, 26 • August 2, 9

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Teachers can bring a group to Yellowstone (with at least three weeks prior notice), have a ranger visit a school in the area, or schedule a video conference with students anywhere. Details at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers

NPS/PEACO

Stars Over Yellowstone Weather permitting; enjoy programs about astronomy offered in cooperation with the Museum of the Rockies with assistance from the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society. Find constellations, hear star stories, and view celestial objects through telescopes.

Night Sky Observing Madison Information Station Parking Lot

10:30 PM Fridays and Saturdays: June 14 & 15, July 12 & 13, and August 9 & 10.

Find the Milky Way, Saturn, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available. Bring a flashlight.

Safe Solar Observing Old Faithful Visitor Education Center area

2–5 PM Saturdays: June 15, July 13, and August 10.

Safely view the sun through telescopes. Great for the whole family.

Evening programs about astronomy • Madison Amphitheater

Fri. June 14, 9:30 pm • Cosmic update 2013

What's up, what's new, and what's hot in the big wide universe and exploration of it. Presented by Dr. Jim Manning, Executive Director, The Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Sat. June 15, 9:30 PM • Did Mars start out like Yellowstone?

Have a look at our search for life elsewhere, and how Mars may have started out like Yellowstone as a possible source of life. Presented by Dr. Jim Manning.

Fri. July 12, 9:30 PM • Curiosity for Mars

Everywhere we look on Earth we see life, even in the boiling hot pools of Yellowstone. Might we find the same on Mars? Four hundred years of wondering has brought us to the exciting missions roving across Mars today. What will we find now that we are there? Presented by Dr. Tyler Nordgren, of the University of Redlands.

Sat. July 13, 9:30 PM • Stars above, Earth below

A star-filled sky with the Milky Way stretching from horizon to horizon is now as rare a sight as the grizzly bears and geysers that bring visitors to America's national parks every year. How can we learn about our own planet and distant planets by what we see there? Presented by Dr. Tyler Nordgren.

Fri. August 9, 9 PM • Mysteries of the radiation belts revealed

Learn how new observations from NASA's Van Allen Storm Probes mission are answering mysteries of Earth's radiation belts, as well as revealing incredible new ones. Presented by Dr. Harlan Spence, of the University of New Hampshire.

Sat. August 10, 9 PM • Mysteries of the radiation belts revealed (encore)

Presented by Dr. Harlan Spence.



Stay on designated trails and boardwalks. Ground in hydrothermal areas is fragile and thin, and there is scalding water just below. Visitors have fallen through and died here. Keep your children close at hand.



Keep your distance. You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from bison, elk, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if any wild animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.



As you enjoy trails, be bear aware. You are safer hiking with groups. Make yourself heard in areas where you can't see far around you. Do not run from a bear under any circumstance. Carry bear spray and know how to use it safely.

Canyon Village

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Yellowstone Canyon Talk (May 25 to September 2) From a classic viewpoint enjoy the Lower Falls, Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area’s natural and human history. Discover why artists and photographers continue to be drawn to this special place. Join a ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk. *11 AM talk geared for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Accessible. 20–30 minutes.	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 5/26–9/1	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 5/27–9/2	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 5/28–8/27	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 5/29–8/28	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 5/30–8/29	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 5/31–8/30	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 5/25–8/31
Yellowstone for the Young (June 2 to August 17) Hey, kids! Discover the wonderful geology, history, or wildlife of Yellowstone. Join a ranger for an interactive program geared for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5-12). Meet in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center. Accessible. 20–30 minutes.	3 PM 6/2–8/11	3 PM 6/3–8/12	3 PM 6/4–8/13	3 PM 6/5–8/14	3 PM 6/6–8/15	3 PM 6/7–8/16	3 PM 6/8–8/17
Late Spring Morning Rim Walk (May 25 to June 22) The quiet of the morning is a special time along the rim of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Take a walk with a ranger and enjoy the morning light on walls of the canyon and roar of the Upper and Lower Falls. Meet at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this easy walk of approximately 1 mile. 1½ hours.	10 AM 5/26–6/16	10 AM 5/27–6/17	10 AM 5/28–6/18	10 AM 5/29–6/19	10 AM 5/30–6/20	10 AM 5/31–6/21	10 AM 5/25–6/22
Walking the Edge (May 25 to September 2) Enjoy learning about the ecology, geology, and history of the canyon while walking with a ranger along the South Rim Trail. Gain stunning views of the Yellowstone River, the Upper and Lower Falls, and the gorgeous colors of the canyon walls. Meet at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this easy walk of approximately 1 mile. 1½ hours.	3 PM 5/26–9/1	3 PM 5/27–9/2	3 PM 5/28–8/27	3 PM 5/29–8/28	3 PM 5/30–8/29	3 PM 5/31–8/30	3 PM 5/25–8/31
Lupine Loop Walk (June 23 to September 2) Walk with a ranger along the upper Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, then along an established trail through meadows and forest, finally looping back to the parking area. Explore the geology and natural history of the canyon area, while enjoying a bit of its backcountry. Meet at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this moderate walk of approximately 3 miles. 3 hours.	9 AM 6/23–9/1	9 AM 6/24–9/2	9 AM 6/25–8/27	9 AM 6/26–8/28	9 AM 6/27–8/29	9 AM 6/28–8/30	9 AM 6/29–8/31
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 25 to September 2) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you and your family! Park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center. Accessible. 15 minutes.	10 AM 2 PM 5/26–9/1	10 AM 2 PM 5/27–9/2	10 AM 2 PM 5/28–8/27	10 AM 2 PM 5/29–8/28	10 AM 2 PM 5/30–8/29	10 AM 2 PM 5/31–8/30	10 AM 2 PM 5/25–8/31
Canyon Evening Program (June 2 to September 2) Join a ranger for an illustrated program and learn more about some aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Canyon Visitor Education Center for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Canyon Campground Amphitheater. Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 6/2–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/3–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/4–7/23 9 PM 7/30–8/27	9:30 PM 6/5–7/24 9 PM 7/31–8/28	9:30 PM 6/6–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 6/7–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/8–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31

Canyon Visitor Education Center

5/25–9/2 8 am–8 pm
9/3–9/30 8 am–6 pm

Call 307-344-2550



Call 307-344-2251 three weeks ahead to arrange for a sign language interpreter at ranger programs.
TTY 307-344-2386



Look for this symbol in descriptions for ranger programs that are wheelchair accessible.

Fishing Bridge and Lake Village

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 25 to September 2) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family! In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet a park ranger at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center . Accessible. 20 minutes .	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/26–9/1	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/27–9/2	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/28–8/27	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/29–8/28	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/30–8/29	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/31–8/30	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/25–8/31
Lake Scenic Cruise (June 15 to September 8) Join a park ranger on a narrated boat tour on the ethereal water of Yellowstone Lake, with views of the wondrous Absaroka Mountains, historic Lake Hotel & Village, and surrounding lodge pole pine forest. Reservations required in advance through Xanterra Parks and Resorts. Call 307-344-7311 or stop by the Bridge Bay Marina (\$15 plus tax for adults, \$10 plus tax for kids ages 3-11, free for kids under 3) . Accessible. 1 hour .	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/16–9/8	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/17–9/2	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/18–9/3	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/19–9/4	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/20–9/5	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/21– 9/6	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/15–9/7
Storm Point Saunter (June 2 to September 2) Wander along the ever-changing lake shore and through a diversity of landscapes including a lush meadow dotted with wildflowers and an ancient forest of spruce, pine, and fir. Experience Yellowstone in its true splendor. Meet at Indian Pond and the Storm Point trailhead , 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. Easy 2.3 mile hike. 2 hours .	10 AM 6/2–9/1	10 AM 6/3–9/2	10 AM 6/4–8/27	10 AM 6/5–8/28	10 AM 6/6–8/29	10 AM 6/7–8/30	10 AM 6/8–8/31
Featured Creature (May 26 to August 10) Enthralling and diverse wild animals, found few other places in North America, nor in such profusion, are revealed in Yellowstone. Unveil the story of one of them. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center . Accessible. 30 minutes .	2 PM 5/26–8/4	2 PM 5/27–8/5	2 PM 5/28–8/6	2 PM 5/29–8/7	2 PM 5/30–8/8	2 PM 5/31–8/9	2 PM 6/1–8/10
Mud Volcano Ramble (May 26 to September 2) <i>“The greatest marvel we have yet met with,”</i> declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous, and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet at the Mud Volcano parking area. 1½ hours .	4 PM 5/26–9/1	4 PM 5/27–9/2	4 PM 5/28–8/27	4 PM 5/29–8/28	4 PM 5/30–8/29	4 PM 5/31–8/30	4 PM 6/1–8/31
River Reflections (May 26 to September 1) From a picturesque spot along the Yellowstone River, explore Fishing Bridge area history and one of the most important cogs in the motor of the Yellowstone ecosystem: the rare, mysterious, wily, polka-dotted and beautiful cutthroat trout. Meet on the west side of the Fishing Bridge. 20 minutes .	5 PM 5/26–9/1	5 PM 5/27–8/26	5 PM 5/28–8/27	5 PM 5/29–8/28	5 PM 5/30–8/29	5 PM 5/31–8/30	5 PM 6/1–8/31
Family Program (June 2 to August 10) Program especially for families with young children. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater . Accessible. 30 minutes .	6 PM 6/2–8/4	6 PM 6/3–8/5	6 PM 6/4–8/6	6 PM 6/5–8/7	6 PM 6/6–8/8	6 PM 6/7–8/9	6 PM 6/8–8/10
Fishing Bridge Evening Program (June 2 to September 2) Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center Amphitheater . Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes .	9:30 PM 6/2–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/3–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/4–7/23 9 PM 7/30–8/27	9:30 PM 6/5–7/24 9 PM 7/31–8/28	9:30 PM 6/6–7/25 9 PM 8/1 –8/29	9:30 PM 6/7–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/8– 7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31
Bridge Bay Evening Program (June 2 to September 2) Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater . Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes .	9:30 PM 6/2–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/3–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/4–7/23 9 PM 7/30–8/27	9:30 PM 6/5–7/24 9 PM 7/31–8/28	9:30 PM 6/6–7/25 9 PM 8/1 –8/29	9:30 PM 6/7–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/8– 7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31

Fishing Bridge Museum and Visitor Center

5/25–9/30 8 am–7 pm

Call 307-344-2450

Grant Village and West Thumb

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 25 to September 2) Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family! In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Visitor Center . Accessible. 20 minutes .	9 AM 4:30 PM 5/26–9/1	9 AM 4:30 PM 5/27–9/2	9 AM 4:30 PM 5/28–8/27	9 AM 4:30 PM 5/29–8/28	9 AM 4:30 PM 5/30–8/29	9 AM 4:30 PM 5/31–8/30	9 AM 4:30 PM 6/1–8/31
Scenic Lake Overlook (June 16 to September 2) Ascend through meadows, forests and past thermal features to reach a picturesque view of Yellowstone Lake surrounded by the Absaroka Mountains. Meet at the Lake Overlook Trailhead in the West Thumb Geyser Basin parking lot . Moderate 2-mile hike . 2 hours .	9:30 AM 6/16–9/1	9:30 AM 6/17–9/2	9:30 AM 6/18–8/27	9:30 AM 6/19–8/28	9:30 AM 6/19–8/29	9:30 AM 6/20–8/30	9:30 AM 6/21–8/31
Hot Water Wilderness (June 2 to September 2) Take a stroll along the beautiful shores of Yellowstone Lake while exploring the origins of glittering geysers, belching mud pots, and emerald hot springs in West Thumb's dynamic geyser basin. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station . Round-trip distance is ¾ mile . Easy. Accessible with assistance. 1½ hours .	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/2–9/1	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/3–9/2	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/4–8/27	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/5–8/28	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/6–8/29	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/7–8/30	10:30 AM 4 PM 6/8–8/31
Junior Ranger Discovery Program (June 16 to August 17) Get ready to investigate and discover the many curiosities of Yellowstone during this interactive program specifically for Junior Rangers! Meet at the Grant Village Pavilion, located behind the Visitor Center along the edge of the Lake. Accessible. 30 minutes .	10:30 AM 6/16–8/11	10:30 AM 6/17–8/12	10:30 AM 6/18–8/13	10:30 AM 6/19–8/14	10:30 AM 6/20–8/15	10:30 AM 6/21–8/16	10:30 AM 6/22–8/17
Looking into the Abyss (May 26 to September 2) Stare deep into beautiful Abyss Hot Spring and let a park ranger share with you the secrets it beholds. Meet at Abyss Hot Spring located in the West Thumb Geyser Basin , ¼ mile from the start of the boardwalk. Easy. Accessible with assistance. 10 minutes .	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/26–9/1	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/27–9/2	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/28–8/27	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/29–8/28	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/30–8/29	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 5/31–8/30	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 6/1–8/31
Wildlife Wonders (May 26 to September 2) Are you wondering about the best wildlife viewing areas or perhaps how Yellowstone's fauna have persisted through time? Then relax in the shade as a ranger reveals the secrets of Yellowstone's wildlife. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Visitor Center . Accessible. 25 minutes .	2:30 PM 5/26–9/1	2:30 PM 5/27–9/2	2:30 PM 5/28–8/27	2:30 PM 5/29–8/28	2:30 PM 5/30–8/29	2:30 PM 5/31–8/30	2:30 PM 6/1–8/31
Ranger Rendezvous (May 26 to September 2) This early evening program is designed for the young and young at heart. Learn more about Yellowstone's diverse geology, history, or wildlife riches. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Visitor Center . Accessible. 30 minutes .	7:30 PM 5/26–9/1	7:30 PM 5/27–9/2	7:30 PM 5/28–8/27	7:30 PM 5/29–8/28	7:30 PM 5/30–8/29	7:30 PM 5/31–8/30	7:30 PM 6/1–8/31
Grant Village Evening Program (June 16 to September 2) Join a park ranger for this illustrated presentation focusing on Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders. Check locally for program topics. Meet at the Grant Village Amphitheater . Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes .	9:30 PM 6/16–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/17–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/18–7/23 9 PM 7/30–8/27	9:30 PM 6/19–7/24 9 PM 7/31–8/28	9:30 PM 6/20–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 6/21–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/22–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31

Grant Visitor Center
5/25–9/30 8 AM–7 PM

Call 307-344-2650

West Thumb Information Station
5/25–9/30 9 AM–5 PM

Call 307 344-2650

Madison Information Station
5/25–9/30 9 AM–6 PM

Call 307 344-2876

Junior Ranger Station
5/25–9/2 9 AM–6 PM

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center
Inside the Chamber of Commerce building.

5/24–9/2 8 AM–8 PM
9/3–9/30 8 AM–6 PM

NPS Desk
5/24–9/2 8 AM–8 PM
9/3–11/3 8 AM–6 PM

Call 307 344-2876



Call 307-344-2251 three weeks ahead to arrange for a sign language interpreter at ranger programs.
TTY 307-344-2386



Look for this symbol in descriptions for ranger programs that are wheel-chair accessible.

Madison

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 25 to September 2) Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family! In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet at the Madison Junior Ranger Station . Accessible. 20 minutes .	9 AM 3 PM 5/26–9/1	9 AM 3 PM 5/27–9/2	9 AM 3 PM 5/28–8/27	9 AM 3 PM 5/29–8/28	9 AM 3 PM 5/30–8/29	9 AM 3 PM 5/31–8/30	9 AM 3 PM 5/25–8/31
Harlequin Lake Walk (June 10 to August 19) Join a park ranger for a guided hike to Harlequin Lake. This moderately easy 1½-mile round trip hike will introduce you to a beautiful and secluded home for waterfowl and beaver. Meet at the third pullout, 1½ miles west of Madison Junction on the west entrance road, opposite the Harlequin Lake Trailhead. Bring water, raingear, good hiking shoes and a snack. 2 hours .		10 AM 6/10–8/19					
Junior Ranger Station Activities (May 25 to September 2) Hey kids! Join a park ranger to learn about Yellowstone's wonderful wildlife, geysers, history and much more! This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet at the Madison Junior Ranger Station . Accessible with assistance. 30 minutes .	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 4, 4:30 5/26–9/1	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 4, 4:30 5/27–9/2	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 4, 4:30 5/28–8/27	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 4, 4:30 5/29–8/28	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 4, 4:30 5/30–8/29	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 4, 4:30 5/31–8/30	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 4, 4:30 5/25–8/31
Madison Evening Program (May 26 to September 2) Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone's wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at Madison Amphitheater . Accessible. 45 minutes .	9:30 PM 5/26–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 5/27–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 5/28–7/23 9 PM 7/30–8/27	9:30 PM 5/29–7/24 9 PM 7/31–8/28	9:30 PM 5/30–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 5/31–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/1–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31

West Yellowstone

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 25 to September 2) Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family! In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center in West Yellowstone (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street). Accessible. 20 minutes .	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/26–9/1	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/27–9/2	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/28–8/27	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/29–8/28	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/30–8/29	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/31–8/30	9 AM 3:30 PM 5/25–8/31
Explore Yellowstone! (May 25 to September 2) Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center in West Yellowstone (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) for a talk about what to see and do in the park. Accessible. 20–30 minutes .	9:30 AM 5/26–9/1	9:30 AM 5/27–9/2	9:30 AM 5/28–8/27	9:30 AM 5/29–8/28	9:30 AM 5/30–8/29	9:30 AM 5/31–8/30	9:30 AM 5/25–8/31
Afternoon Talk (May 26 to September 2) Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural history in West Yellowstone, Montana. The Yellowstone Historic Center Museum is located at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is located at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Yellowstone Historic Center or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. Accessible. 30 minutes .	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 pm 5/26–9/1	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 pm 5/27–9/2	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 5/28–8/27	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 pm 5/29–8/28	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 5/30–8/29	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 pm 5/31–8/30	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 6/1–8/31
West Yellowstone Evening Program (June 4 to August 30) Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's wonders. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center in West Yellowstone (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street). Accessible. 45 minutes .			7 PM 6/4–8/27			7 PM 6/7–8/30	

Mammoth Hot Springs

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hot Springs Terraces Walk (June 5 to September 2) Explore Yellowstone’s powerful geologic past and present while meandering around the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces. Learn how these dynamic travertine formations are unique among the park’s thermal features. Route climbs stairs; may be strenuous for some. Meet at the Liberty Cap rock formation at the bottom of the terraces. 1½ hours.	9 AM 6/9–9/1	9 AM 6/10–9/2	9 AM 6/11–8/27	9 AM 6/5–8/28	9 AM 6/6–8/29	9 AM 6/7–8/30	9 AM 6/8–8/31
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 25 to September 2) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you and your family! Park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	9 AM 4 PM 5/26–9/1	9 AM 4 PM 5/27–9/2	9 AM 4 PM 5/28–8/27	9 AM 4 PM 5/29–8/28	9 AM 4 PM 5/30–8/29	9 AM 4 PM 5/31–8/30	9 AM 4 PM 5/25–8/31
Tales of the Travertine (June 5 to September 2) The travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs are one of Yellowstone’s most unusual, beautiful, and misunderstood hydrothermal features. Come learn how mysterious earth forces constantly create and change these formations. Meet at the end of the Palette Spring boardwalk , just up from the Liberty Cap rock formation. ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	1 PM 2 PM 6/9–9/1	1 PM 2 PM 6/10–9/2	1 PM 2 PM 6/11–8/27	1 PM 2 PM 6/5–8/28	1 PM 2 PM 6/6–8/29	1 PM 2 PM 6/7–8/30	1 PM 2 PM 6/8–8/31
Wraith Falls Hike (June 18 to August 29) Experience the wilder side of the park as you hike through open sagebrush and forest to the foot of Wraith Falls on Lupine Creek. This is an easy 1 mile ranger-led hike. Meet at the Wraith Falls trailhead, 5 miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs. 1–1½ hours.			2 PM 6/18–8/27		2 PM 6/20–8/29		
Wonders of Yellowstone (May 25 to September 2) Yellowstone is full of wonders such as mountains and canyons, wildlife, history, and beauty. A ranger will share insights into one fascinating aspect of this magical place. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center , or in the theater if it’s raining. ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	3 PM 5/26–9/1	3 PM 5/27–9/2	3 PM 5/28–8/27	3 PM 5/29–8/28	3 PM 5/30–8/29	3 PM 5/31–8/30	3 PM 5/25–8/31
Calling in the Cavalry Walk (June 9 to September 2) In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U. S. Army. Join a ranger on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone to learn about important historic park events and to discover the role the military played in protecting Yellowstone. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. ♿ Accessible. 1 hour.	6 PM 6/9–9/1	6 PM 6/10–9/2	6 PM 6/11–8/27	6 PM 6/12–8/28	6 PM 6/13–8/29	6 PM 6/14–8/30	6 PM 6/15–8/31
Mammoth Evening Program (June 9 to September 2) Enjoy an illustrated program about Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at Albright Visitor Center for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Mammoth Campground Amphitheater. ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 6/9–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 6/10–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 6/11–7/23 9 PM 7/30–8/27	9:30 PM 6/12–7/24 9 PM 7/31–8/28	9:30 PM 6/13–7/25 9 PM 8/1–8/29	9:30 PM 6/14–7/26 9 PM 8/2–8/30	9:30 PM 6/15–7/27 9 PM 8/3–8/31

Albright Visitor Center

5/25–9/30 8 AM–7 PM


Call 307-344-2263

Norris Geyser Basin Museum and Information Station

5/25–9/30 9 AM–6 PM

Bookstore 10 AM–6 PM

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Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Windows Into Yellowstone Walk (May 26 to September 2) Experience the muddy caldrons, acid geysers and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin! Join a park ranger for a walk through this magical land and learn about the park’s geologic past, present, and future. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum . Bring water, sunglasses and sunscreen. 1½ hours .	9:30 AM 5/26–9/1	9:30 AM 5/27–9/2	9:30 AM 5/28–8/27	9:30 AM 5/29–8/28	9:30 AM 5/30–8/29	9:30 AM 5/31–8/30	9:30 AM 6/1–8/31
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 26 to September 2) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you and your family! Park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet on the patio at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum . 20 minutes .	10 AM 5/26–9/1	10 AM 5/27–9/2	10 AM 5/28–8/27	10 AM 5/29–8/28	10 AM 5/30–8/29	10 AM 5/31–8/30	10 AM 6/1–8/31
World’s Tallest Talk (May 26 to September 2) Explore the rare and fascinating world of geysers at the world’s tallest active geyser! Meet at Steamboat Geyser, a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot . In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with ranger at information desk. 20 minutes .	2 PM 5/26–9/1 3 PM 5/26–9/1	2 PM 5/27–9/2 3 PM 5/27–9/2	2 PM 5/28–8/27 3 PM 5/28–8/27	2 PM 5/29–8/28 3 PM 5/29–8/28	2 PM 5/30–8/29 3 PM 5/30–8/29	2 PM 5/31–8/30 3 PM 5/31–8/30	2 PM 6/1–8/31 3 PM 6/1–8/31
Wild Yellowstone Talk (May 26 to September 2) A park ranger will share insights into a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone National Park’s wild nature. Meet at Steamboat Geyser, a 15 minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot . In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with ranger at information desk. 20 minutes .	2:30 PM 5/26–9/1	2:30 PM 5/27–9/2	2:30 PM 5/28–8/27	2:30 PM 5/29–8/28	2:30 PM 5/30–8/29	2:30 PM 5/31–8/30	2:30 PM 6/1–8/31
Norris Campfire Program (June 6 to September 2) Bring the whole family and join a park ranger for an old-fashioned, cozy campfire talk. Inquire locally for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Norris Campground Campfire Circle .  Accessible . 45 minutes .	7:30 PM 6/9–9/1	7:30 PM 6/10–9/2	7:30 PM 6/11–8/27	7:30 PM 6/12–8/28	7:30 PM 6/6–8/29	7:30 PM 6/7–8/30	7:30 PM 6/8–8/31

Get kids outdoors for better health

Junior Ranger

Children visiting Yellowstone can participate in a free Junior Ranger program geared for ages 5 and up. Obtain a Junior Ranger activity paper at any park visitor center, complete the required activities, and then return to a visitor center to be awarded a Junior Ranger patch. Junior Rangers between the ages of 5 and 7 receive a wolf track patch and a bear track patch is awarded to ages 8 and up. To earn a patch, attend a ranger-led activity – such as a talk, guided walk, or evening campfire program – and get the ranger’s signature. While the Junior Ranger program may take up to two days to complete fully, families in Yellowstone will have fun living by the Junior Ranger motto, “Explore, Learn, and Protect.”



Let's Move Outside

Regular exercise in nature is proven to improve children’s physical and mental health. Outdoor activity helps kids maintain a healthy weight, boosts their immunity and bone health and lowers stress. Get active in Yellowstone by hiking along park trails or boardwalks, taking a guided walk with a ranger, or participating in the Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics. Afterwards, you can pick up a "Let’s Move *Outside*" sticker or temporary tattoo from a park ranger at a visitor center.

Take part in First Lady Michelle Obama’s campaign to get kids and families to take advantage of America’s great outdoors—for better health and to connect with the natural world.



Young Scientist

If you are five years old or older, you can become a Yellowstone Young Scientist. Purchase a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5 and up). If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. When you have finished the investigation, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.



Old Faithful

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 25 to September 2) Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family! In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Accessible. 20 minutes .	11 AM 4 PM 5/26-9/1	11 AM 4 PM 5/27-9/2	11 AM 4 PM 5/28-8/27	11 AM 4 PM 5/29-8/28	11 AM 4 PM 5/30-8/29	11 AM 4 PM 5/31-8/30	11 AM 4 PM 5/25-8/31
Geyser Hill Walk (June 2 to September 2) Geyser Hill is at the heart of the world's greatest concentration of geysers. Explore this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone's volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1-1/4 mile walk. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . 1½ hours .	8:30 AM 6/2-9/1	8:30 AM 6/3-9/2	8:30 AM 6/4-8/27	8:30 AM 6/5-8/28	8:30 AM 6/6-8/29	8:30 AM 6/7-8/30	8:30 AM 6/8-8/31
Mystic Falls Walk (June 2 to August 24) Explore a special part of the Yellowstone Ecosystem while enjoying this 2½ mile walk through Biscuit Basin to Mystic Falls. Meet at the Firehole River Bridge adjacent to the Biscuit Basin parking lot , 2 miles north of Old Faithful. Moderately strenuous. 1½ hours .	9 AM 6/2-8/18	9 AM 6/3-8/19	9 AM 6/4-8/20	9 AM 6/5-8/21	9 AM 6/6-8/22	9 AM 6/7-8/23	9 AM 6/8-8/24
Yellowstone for Kids! (June 2 to August 24) Kids will discover some of the wonders of Yellowstone during this short, interactive presentation. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for this outdoor program. Accessible. 20 minutes .	10:30 AM 6/2-8/18	10:30 AM 6/3-8/19	10:30 AM 6/4-8/20	10:30 AM 6/5-8/21	10:30 AM 6/6-8/22	10:30 AM 6/7-8/23	10:30 AM 6/8-8/24
Geysers Galore! (May 26 to August 24) Take a quick peek at Yellowstone's fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet a park ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Accessible. 10 minutes .	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/26-9/1	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/27-9/2	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/28-8/27	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/29-8/28	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/30-8/29	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/31-8/30	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 6/1-8/31
Black Sand Walk (June 9 to August 24) Discover a lesser-known gem! As you stroll through one of Yellowstone's most striking hydrothermal areas, you'll learn about volcanic geology and the unique history of Black Sand Basin on this ½-mile walk. Meet at Black Sand Basin parking lot , one mile north of Old Faithful. 1 hour .	1 PM 6/9-8/18	1 PM 6/10-8/19	1 PM 6/11-8/20	1 PM 6/12-8/21	1 PM 6/13-8/22	1 PM 6/14-8/23	1 PM 6/15-8/24
Stroll around Old Faithful (June 2 to September 2) Take an easy ¾-mile walk with a ranger around Old Faithful Geyser. View dramatic hot springs and geysers while gaining insight into Yellowstone's dynamic geology. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. 45 minutes .	9:30 AM 6/2-9/1	9:30 AM 6/3-9/2	9:30 AM 6/4-8/27	9:30 AM 6/5-8/28	9:30 AM 6/6-8/29	9:30 AM 6/7-8/30	9:30 AM 6/8-8/31
Geyser Discovery Stroll (June 2 to September 2) Learn about one of the rarest geological features on earth—geysers! Accompany a ranger through the Upper Geyser Basin exploring the world of geysers. Meet at Castle Geyser, 1/2 mile west of Old Faithful (15-minute walk from the Visitor Education Center). 1½ hours .	5:30 PM 6/2-9/1	5:30 PM 6/3-9/2	5:30 PM 6/4-8/27	5:30 PM 6/5-8/28	5:30 PM 6/6-8/29	5:30 PM 6/7-8/30	5:30 PM 6/8-8/31
Old Faithful Evening Program (May 26 to September 2) Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone's wonders will be featured during this 45-minute illustrated program in the theater of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Check at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for program titles and descriptions. Accessible. 45 minutes .	7 PM 5/26-9/1	7 PM 5/27-9/2	7 PM 5/28-8/27	7 PM 5/29-8/28	7 PM 5/30-8/29	7 PM 5/31-8/30	7 PM 6/1-8/31

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

5/25-9/30 8 AM-8 PM

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